

1 MR. CLAGETT: I might give this reply. With
2 respect to the municipalities we have taken care of that
3 insofar as the control over the municipalities by the
4 Counties, so the Counties could by law restrict the
5 municipalities if they saw fit to do so.

6 MR. SAYRE: Is that really clear, that they
7 could? Take Rockville. Could Montgomery County restrict
8 Rockville right now?

9 MR. CLAGETT: It could not abrogate any of
10 its existing powers without its consent or the consent
11 of the General Assembly. The answer to that is a
12 double one.

13 MR. SAYRE: But let's take ten years from now,
14 Rockville is a viable municipal government. It has neither
15 annexed property nor changed any of its powers.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: The answer is the same. If it
17 has the power when the Constitution goes into effect,
18 it can't be taken away without its consent or that of
19 the General Assembly. If it doesn't have the power, then
20 it can be restricted.

21 MR. SAYRE: That is my understanding. Here is